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SUBJECT: FRG REQUESTS ALLIED VIEWS ON MAYOR SCHUETZ
ELECTION TO PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

REF: BONN 6624

1. DEPT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT THAT ELECTION OF
KLAUS SCHUETZ AS BUNDESRAT CHAIRMAN OF THE
VERMITTLUNGSAUSCHUSS (CONFERENCE COMMITTEE) WOULD NOT
CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.
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DESPITE THE FACT THAT A BERLINER HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY FILLED
THIS POST, WE NOTE THAT SCHUETZ HAS SERVED IN THE MORE
SENIOR POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESRAT IN THE LATE
1960'S PRIOR TO THE QA.

2. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT SEEN FIT TO
PROTEST THE ACTIVITIES OF BERLINERS IN THE FRG

PARLIAMENT UP TO NOW, WE THINK, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THEIR POSITION ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THAT THE NAMING OF SCHUETZ TO THIS POST WITH ITS ATTENDANT PUBLICITY WOULD CAUSE THEM TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, THIS COULD RESULT IN AN UNFORTUNATE EXPANSION OF THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRG PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN TO INCLUDE ONE AGAINST ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF BERLINERS IN BONN. SHOULD THE ALLIED CONSENSUS BE TO RAISE NO OBJECTIONS, WE BELIEVE NONETHELESS THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE GERMANS' ATTENTION, WHILE MAKING CLEAR THAT THEY ARE FREE TO PROCEED IF THEY DESIRE.

3. DEPT THEREFORE APPROVES EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT US REP TO BONN GROUP BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM UK AND FRENCH REPS THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ELECTION OF SCHUETZ. HOWEVER, IF UK AND FRENCH STRONGLY OPPOSE ELECTION, US REP MAY JOIN CONSENSUS TO MAINTAIN ALLIED UNITY.
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